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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEEMINUTES

Minutes of the 57th meeting, held on 7 April 1959 at 1000 hours in Room 2422 Barton Hall.

Present:

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[REDACTED] OSI - Chairman

[REDACTED] RSB/SR/OCR

[REDACTED] RSB/SR/OCR

[REDACTED] O/C

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[REDACTED] S/COM/OCR

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[REDACTED] O/C

[REDACTED] OSI - Secretary

1. The minutes of the 56th meeting were approved with the following changes: Paragraph 3 revised as follows: The Chairman asked if responsible US committees will use the services of RSB/SR in the forthcoming ITU Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva. [REDACTED] stated that current US planning appeared to be political rather than technical. RSB has not been requested to furnish detailed technical information to the preparatory committee, per se. However, key participants in the preparatory work have been briefed on the mission and capabilities of RSB to support the US Delegation and the Branch has, in accordance with this mission and in preparation for the conference, geared itself to produce statistics and/or listings post-haste during the actual conference sessions. Already and for several months back requirements have been placed upon RSB by the several government agencies participating in the US preparatory work indirectly supporting the US preparation for the conference. Also, in direct support to the preparatory committee, RSB was called upon some time ago to prepare statistics on the actions of the IFRB to determine any evidence of discrimination against the US by that body.

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[REDACTED] She would prepare an analysis of them for the benefit of all interested components. [REDACTED] reported that the Radio Policy Committee (RPC) had met on probable courses of action to be followed by US delegates to the conference.

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Paragraph 4 revised as follows: [redacted] informed the committee that the recommendations from OSI stemming from the OSI [redacted] were not acceptable to the DDP. He explained that the DDP favors an increase on the all source effort on broadcast evaluation rather than a decrease as indicated in the recommendations.

2. At the request of the Chairman item 2 of the Agenda was deferred at a later meeting because of the eminence of the 1959 Administrative Radio Conference to be held in Geneva this summer.

The Chairman asked for a discussion on the subject with respect to the Agency interests along the following lines; (1) what is the intelligence behind the Soviet proposals and, (2) what information do we have for the delegation related to the intelligence.

[redacted] informed the committee that the US spokesman for State Department would be Mr. De Wolf supported by Mr. Black who works closely [redacted]. He added although the conference is one of technical negotiations, the USSR will probably bring in political issues. Guidance has been given to the preparatory committee on the high frequency position of the spectrum concerning international broadcasting by the Radio Policy Committee. [redacted] explained the organizations supporting the preparatory committee were the FCC representing civil communications users and IFAC for the governmental users. At this time the US proposals have been submitted by the preparatory committee.

[redacted] expressed concern on the lack of a unified intelligence approach to the Geneva Conference. [redacted] summed up the discussion by saying that the frequency usage problem was being handled by the Agency in a satisfactory manner but felt that there appeared to be no intelligence support to the conference at this time. He suggested that ICTAC present a unified paper on the subject to the highest levels possible in the Agency. [redacted] volunteered to prepare a paper on the needs for intelligence support to the Geneva Conference. The Chairman appointed [redacted] to assist [redacted]

3. The Chairman gave the committee a description of the newly organized Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC) which has been established under USIB. SIC will concern itself with all aspects of scientific intelligence including the effect of collection and the gaps in intelligence. Three subcommittees have been initiated since 2 April. They are Medicine, Chemical and BW, and Electronics.

4. [redacted] informed the committee that [redacted] has been unable to do a complete job on reporting current intelligence stemming from their monitoring of foreign broadcasts because of no support in direction finding. For example, political significance of broadcasts from

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Radio Mosul are incomplete since location of the station is not known. This is one of many cases that comes up during the course of a years activities. He added that there were community facilities to do direction finding but the organizations and mechanisms for accomplishing it were not capable of handling requirements. Other members of the committee indicated requirements from time to time which likewise could not be handled by existing US mechanisms. The Chairman suggested that [REDACTED] check with various components of the Agency for need and report his findings at the next meeting.

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5. The Chairman informed the committee that current Agency requirements which reflect the latest need for intelligence on jammer monitoring had been submitted to the ELINT Staff Officer in accordance with an informal request from NSA. The Chairman requested the Secretary to make this information available to the IOTAC membership.

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6. [REDACTED] reported that the French are planning to sell the USSR 450 kilometers of cable for railroad usage which appears to be far in excess of that needed for railroad usage. Since other countries have had inquiries for similar cable from the USSR, it has been called to the attention of CCOM.

7. [REDACTED] reported on a frequency spectrum analysis developed by the Control Center for Radio Communications and Mobile Services (CCRM) in Belgium which will give useful information on the mobile radio bands.

8. The next meeting of IOTAC was scheduled for 5 May. The meeting closed at 1245 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary